

- SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioners first elected in each county to divide the same into convenient districts, and to report the same to the General Assembly before the first day of January, 1869. Counties to be divided into districts.
- SEC. 4. Upon the approval of the reports provided for in the foregoing section, by the General Assembly, the said districts shall have corporate powers for the necessary purposes of local government, and shall be known as townships. Said districts shall have corporate powers as townships.
- SEC. 5. In each township there shall be biennially elected by the qualified voters thereof a Clerk and two Justices of the Peace, who shall constitute a Board of Trustees, and shall, under the supervision of the County Commissioners, have control of the taxes and finances, roads and bridges of the townships, as may be prescribed by law. The General Assembly may provide for the election of a larger number of the Justices of the Peace in cities and towns, and in those townships in which cities and towns are situated. In every township there shall also be biennially elected a School Committee, consisting of three persons, whose duties shall be prescribed by law. Officers of townships.
- SEC. 6. The Township Board of Trustees shall assess the taxable property of their townships and make return to the County Commisisoners for revision, as may be prescribed by law. The Clerk shall be, *ex officio*, treasurer of the township. Trustees shall assess property.
- SEC. 7. No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation, shall contract any debt, pledge its faith, or loan its credit, nor shall any tax be levied or collected by any officers of the same, except for the necessary expenses thereof, unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters therein. No debt or loan except by a majority of voters.
- SEC. 8. No money shall be drawn from any county or township treasury except by authority of law. Drawing of money.
- SEC. 9. All taxes levied by any county, city, town, or township, shall be uniform and *ad valorem* upon all property in the same, except property exempted by this Constitution. Taxes to be ad valorem.
- SEC. 10. The county officers first elected under the provisions of this Article shall enter upon their duties ten days after the approval of this Constitution by the Congress of the United States. When officers enter on duty.
- SEC. 11. The Governor shall appoint a sufficient number of Justices of the Peace in each county, who shall hold their places until sections four, five and six of this Article shall have been carried into effect. Governor to appoint Justices.
- SEC. 12. All charters, ordinances and provisions relating to municipal corporations shall remain in force until legally changed, unless inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution. Charters to remain in force until legally changed.
- SEC. 13. No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall assume to pay, nor shall any tax be levied or collected for Debts in aid of the rebellion not to be paid.